

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On **page two** of the specification as filed, please replace the paragraph commencing at **line 17** and ending on **page three** at **line four**.

In a specific implementation of the desktop conferencing system, conferee client computers ("conferee clients") connect to the "conference server," a computer or several networked computers (any of which may also be used by a conferee as a client computer) running conferencing software, typically by navigating a World Wide Web ("WWW" or "Web") browser through a predetermined Universal Resource Locator ("URL") that indicates a Web page describing the conference. The conference can be set up any time earlier by anyone with access to this server function. At the time of setup, one or more password character strings ("keys") can be specified for the conference. The key that a conferee gives at the time of attempting to connect to the conference server determines whether that conferee will be allowed access to the conference and what the conferee's initial privileges will be for participating in the conference and for modifying the setup of the conference. These privileges include but are not ~~are not~~ limited to the following: entering the conference, being a presenter, having a pointer, seeing the icons or other identifying information of other attendees, hiding or sharing one's own icon or identifying information, changing descriptive information such as the name, time, and purpose of the conference, changing keys, and changing others' privileges. The privileges can be modified during the conference by conferees or others who are so authorized. In general terms, the privileges include those that conferees might enjoy in person at a conventional, physical meeting. In the description below, a conferencing or other ~~communications~~ communications session provided by the present invention will sometimes be called a "meeting."